(c) There is no proposal, at present, to revise the price of Naphtha.

(d) Does not arise.

Recommendation of third wage board for sugar industry of the country

291. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Third Wage Board was constituted by Government to go into the problems of labour employed in the Sugar mills in the country;

(b) if so, when such a Commission was constituted;

(c) whether the Commission submitted its report to Government, if so, what are the salient features of the recommendations made by the Commission and the decision, if any, taken by Government thereon; and

(d) if answer to part (c) is in the negative by when the Commission is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) The Third Wage Board to consider the question of a further revision of the present Wage Structure in Sugar Industry was constituted on 17.7.1985.

(c) and (d) The Wage Board is likely to submit its report by 31 January, 1989.

Import of soyabean oil

292. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of Soyabean oil has affected the farmers who are also the Soyabean oil processors;

(b) whether it was necessary to import the Soyabean oil when there was a favourable crop in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, to what extent there had been favourable crop of Soyabean oil seeds and to what extent the import of Soyabean oil had affected the producers and what were the steps taken to see that the import of Soyabean oil had no effect on farmers in Madhya Pradesh and other States also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Soyabean oil being cheaper in the International market, is imported in crude form. It is then refined and supplied for distribution under Public Distribution System (PDS) to States|Union Territories and the Vanaspati Industry. In view of the demand of soyabean oil from the State of Madhya Pradesh for distribution under PDS, it is being supplied in refined form to that State. Edible oils including soyabean oil, are being imported to bridge the gap between demand and supply in the country and is kept to the minimum possible. It does not affect the farmers and their production of oilseeds including soyabean in any way.

Setting up of Agricultural Research and Extension Centre in Madhya Pradesh

293. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh is setting up an Agricultural Research and Extension Centre in the State to provide guidance to the farmers to overcome difficulties being faced by them in farming and also to enhance production according to the climate and soil of their respective regions.

(b) if so, what are the research wings that have been set up and whether any concrete proposals in this regard has been formulated; and

(c) if so, whether the Centre has agreed to help the State Government in setting up these Research and Extension Centres in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Assistance for implementation of drinking water scheme in Madyha Pradesh

294. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh had allotted a sum of Rs. 26.50 crores for the implementation of drinking water schemes in urban areas of the State this year;

(b) if so, whether the Centre had also provided and allotted a sum for implementation of the drinking water schemes in the urban areas in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what was the total amount spent by the State Government for implementation of drinking water schemes that have been implemented in the State and how many people have been provided drinking water under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes. Their Annual Plan for 1988-89 provides this outlay.

(b) There is no Central assistance scheme for urban water supply and sanitation programme.

(c) As per the information furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, Rs. 8.68 crores have been spent from 1-4-88 to 30-9-88. The population benefitted is about two lakhs.

Promotion of food processing industry

295. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to revamp the institutional framework for promoting food processing industry;

(b) whether Government also propose to set up three Councils to boost the food processing industry;

(c) if so, to what extent setting up of the three councils is likely to help in boosting the food processing industry; and

(d) whether Government have prepared any action plan to promote food processing units in the country; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Development Councils will discuss and suggest to the Ministry changes in policy required to develop food processing industries, discuss efficacy of various related activities and suggest modifications, if any, needed.

(d) A statement is attached.

Statement

The following steps have been taken:—

(i) Formation of Development Councils for food/fruits and vegetables/fish processing;